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In re the Application of:

Kaoru SHIMAMURA

Serial No. 09/785,219

Group Art Unit: 2672

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Examiner: Jin-Cheng Wang

For: CHARACTER PROCESSING APPARATUS, CHARACTER PROCESSING SYSTEM,
CHARACTER PROCESSING METHOD AND STORAGE MEDIUM

REQUEST FOR INTERVIEW

AND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed April 30, 2003, and having a period for response set to expire on July 30, 2003. This response is also filed concurrently with a Request for Continued Examination.

The following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted. Reconsideration of the claims is respectfully requested.